

COMMUNITY NEWS

USDA announces sign-up dates for new livestock and crop disaster programs

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced sign-up dates for the new Livestock Compensation Program, provide benefits to farmers and ranchers who suffered losses caused by natural disasters in recent years.

Eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can apply to receive benefits under the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) beginning Sept. 10. Eligible farmers can sign-up for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP) beginning Oct. 15, if they suffered quantity losses to their crops. USDA will announce and conduct CDP sign-up for quality losses at a later date.

More information about LCP, LIP and CDP is available in a fact sheet titled, "Agricultural Assistance Act of 2007, found on FSA's Web site, <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/edu/>, click on Disaster Assistance Programs.

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ule of events this year comes with the annual Christmas Festival. For years, the Christmas Festival has filled the downtown square in Elba on the Saturday after Thanksgiving in November. However, that will not be the case this year.

Due to other events being scheduled for that day, chamber officials decided it would be best to reschedule the Christmas Festival this year.

Therefore, the annual Christmas Festival and Parade will this year be held Saturday, Dec. 8. The Christmas Festival will be held throughout the day with the parade in the early evening. Chamber officials said they also are discussing additional events for this special day and more information will be forthcoming as plans are final-

ized. For more information on these events or other activities

sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce, call (334) 897-3125.



IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS...The Elba Chamber of Commerce has lighted miniature replicas of the historic Coffee County Courthouse in Elba available for purchase. Anyone interested in purchasing a lighted courthouse should call the Elba Chamber of Commerce office at (334) 897-3125 or stop by the office, located on Putnam Street in downtown Elba.

Additional scenes from the Academic Pep Rally held recently at Zion Chapel



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During very lengthy meeting

Coffee County Commission discusses FY2008 budget

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission broke the Monday, Sept. 10, regular meeting into two sessions resulting in a short morning session and an extremely long afternoon session.

During the morning session of the meeting, Debbie Kasper addressed commissioners on behalf of Girl Scouts. She said the Girl Scouts organization is looking to use the farm center complex on April 5, 2008 for a "Thinking Day Ceremony." She said the ceremony will be approximately 3-4 hours.

Kasper said there are currently 10 Girl Scout troops in Coffee County. She said officials hope to have even more real soon.

With Girl Scouts being a non-profit organization, Kasper said the group was trying to get the farm center for as low a fee as possible.

Commission chairman Jim Thompson made a motion with a second from Commissioner Robert Stephens to allow the Girl Scouts use of the farm center on April 5th. If it is not already taken that day and also waive the fee for use. This motion passed by a 6-0 vote (Commissioner Bernest Brooks was not in attendance).

Commissioner Robert Westbrooke specifically noted a concern she had with the sheriff's budget including a helicopter.

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the First Baptist Church will celebrate 125 years next month while Westside Baptist Church will celebrate 50 years on Nov. 5th. This motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners approved a motion to give the county's attorney authority to proceed with deed and title work on land being sold by the county to the Dialysis Clinic of Enterprise.

During the morning, commissioners also approved a bid for a compactor repair to Thompson Tractor Co. at \$26,768, voted to adopt new subdivision regulations and gave county engineer Randy Tindell permission to purchase a boom-cutter head.

Approximately 30 minutes into Monday's meeting, it was recessed until 1:30 in the afternoon. After reconvening, commissioners voted almost immediately to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation with an attorney.

Approximately an hour and a half later, the meeting was reopened, and the focus turned to the Fiscal Year 2008 budget.

While discussing ways to make the budget balance, commissioners and county administrator Kathy Lolley spent a great deal of time Monday looking over the sheriff department's budget.

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Elba City Council begins looking at budget for Fiscal Year 2008

by Fern Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council approved payment of the monthly bills Monday evening. That motion and one to adopt a state resolution on a one-time pay boost for retired employees were the only two items requiring a vote of the council.

However, things could get tense for the next couple of meetings as the mayor and council attempt to hammer out a balanced budget for the coming fiscal year which begins on October 1st. Mayor James Grimes presented council members with a draft budget for their review and set a workshop for next Monday evening at 5:30 to discuss the proposal line-by-line.

The mayor did explain that his proposal includes a small pay raise for all city employees. It also reflects increased cost of health insurance for city employees.

The monthly bills totaled \$85,902.75. This included the usual transfers to the Elba schools, \$6,874.20 for gasoline, \$15,557.64 for a loan payment to the bank and \$6,837.47 for insurance premiums.

The council officially adopted a resolution from the State of Alabama retirement funds approving and funding a one-

time extra payment to all retired employees. The actual cost to the City of Elba will be \$2,343.

It covers 10 retired employees. Police Chief Freddy Hanchey told council members that operations within the department were routine with citations and arrests slowing down some from previous months.

Grimes briefly discussed the monthly financial statement, noting that income is below budget amounts, but expenses have been cut enough to take care of the shortfall. He noted the income drop can be directly traced to a \$200,000 drop in grants and the city having not yet received projected \$55,000 in financial institutional fees.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham noted the stripping on U.S. 84 is almost complete, clean up efforts are ongoing, work on the former Beaver Dam Trailer Park continues as the airport work moves forward and the city continues with the demolition work across from Dorsey Trailers.

budget that included a helicopter. She said that purchasing a helicopter would be a mistake.

Sheriff Dave Sutton was not present when the budget discussion began Monday afternoon, however, he and a few of his department heads soon arrived to participate in the discussions. For quite some time, commissioners and the sheriff went back and forth with their discussions of what could be done to make the budget work. Several times, the sheriff stressed that his department needs manpower and equipment - two items it seems he may get less of than he asked for out of the FY2008.

As 5 p.m. approached Monday afternoon, commissioners began to conclude their budget discussion for the day as the county administrator took note of new ideas to work with in trying to complete the proposed FY2008 budget.

The next work session for the county commission is set for Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 1:30 p.m. where again commissioners will continue to work on the budget as time is drawing near for it to be complete. Fiscal Year 2008 begins Oct. 1st.

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During New Brockton Town Council meeting

Resident expresses concerns over reserve officers and "no parking" signs

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council met Monday evening, Sept. 10, for the regular monthly

meeting with Mayor Pro Tem Johnnie Herron filling in for Mayor Charles Cole who was not able to attend to due illness. During his report to council

members, Police Chief Dale Grimes asked council members to approve sending two officers to the police academy in October. He said the total cost to send the two officers will be approximately \$10,620.

Council member Jeff White made a motion with a second from council member Richard Diskrell to send the two officers to the police academy. All council members voted in favor of the motion.

Chief Grimes said the two officers have agreed to sign a service contract with New Brockton prior to completing the academy.

Shortly after the police chief presented his monthly report, town resident Ricky Strickland addressed council members on a couple of issues - one pertaining to the police department.

In regards to routine driver's license check stops conducted by the New Brockton Police Department, Strickland said he wanted to know exactly who has the right to check driver's license. More to the point, Strickland expressed a concern about reserve officers being utilized at the checkpoints and how much authority the reserve officers are being given.

Strickland said it is his understanding that reserve officers

can only check a driver's license when a certified officer is also present. He expressed concern over a recent driver's license check on Hwy. 84 when there appeared to be more reserve officers present than certified officers.

Strickland also wondered if the reserve officers are being paid with grant funds for the checkpoints. In addition, he questioned if the reserve officers were being allowed to drive police cars as well.

Chief Grimes responded to Strickland's concerns/questions. He said the reserve officers are not being paid for working the license checks. He said they are volunteering their time and only the certified officers are paid with the grant funds that allow the department to hold the license checks.

Grimes also recalled the particular license check in which Strickland said he drove through when there seemed to be more reserve officers than certified officers. Grimes said he was the only certified officer on scene at the time; however, he also said the reason was that some arrests had been made earlier in the evening and the other officers

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Sgt. Eric Jordan awarded Army Chief of Staff coin



Sgt. (promotable) Eric Jordan was awarded the Army Chief of Staff coin in recognition of hard work and dedication to the 3rd Headquarters Brigade Combat Team (HBCT) on August 11. He was one of ten soldiers to receive the coin during a ceremony in Iraq.

The ceremony was conducted by Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr. at Task Force Marne Headquarters.

Sgt. Jordan is a 1999 graduate of Elba High School and joined the Army in 2001. This reassignment will mark the third for him.

Sgt. Jordan and his wife, Angela, live in Phenix City and are the parents of five children.

He is stationed with the 3-1 Cavalry, 3rd Brigade, Kelly Hill at Fort Benning, Ga. Jordan's parents are Patricia Jordan of Elba and Charlie T. Jordan Jr.

Elizabeth Hughes joined the Coffee County EMS team nearly three years ago. She serves as an EMT-Basic.

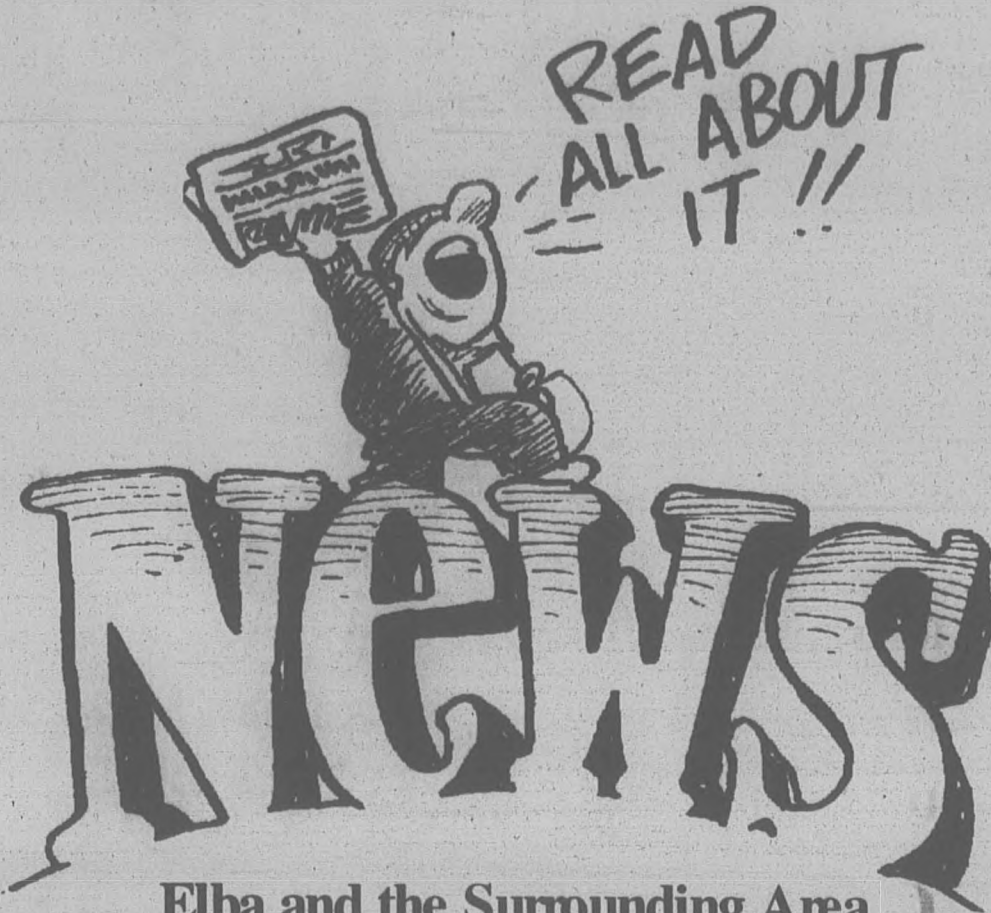
Hughes' training includes National Registered EMT-Basic, BLS, CPR and EVOC. When asked what she enjoys most about her job she said, "I enjoy the people that I work with. They are my friends and family."

Hughes said she has so many memories of events that have occurred on the job that it is hard to point one out. She added that she really loves her job and the experience she has gained and will carry on.

Elizabeth's family includes her husband, Randall, and daughter, Kimberlee Perry. Her hobbies include family time, fishing, shopping, playing online games, reading and catching up on sleep.



EMT-Basic Elizabeth Hughes
She also is employed by Emergystat in Ozark. Hughes said she would like to return to school to obtain her Paramedic certification some time in the near future.



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EDITORIAL

Editorial comments in the *New York Times* on Monday of this week address the conviction and jailing of former governor Don Siegelman and a case almost the same in Wisconsin. The major difference in the two cases is the Ms. Thompson in Wisconsin refused to testify against the state's Democratic governor, contending he had not broken any law. Frankly we were flattered to read something in that opinion piece which could have been an exact quote from something we wrote months ago. It reads: "Elected officials, from the president down, appoint people who contribute directly to their campaigns..." This matter is making headlines again at this time because of public hearings underway on Capitol Hill. A woman who has submitted signed statements of discussions in Alabama, which she says included members of Governor Riley's family, will be testifying under sworn oath at these Washington hearings. Both Republican and Democrat legislators are being allowed to question her. The Justice Department has already angered some members of Congress by refusing to turn over their files on the court proceedings in the Siegelman case. Even if they are correct and/or justified in this refusal it sure doesn't look good in the court of public opinion. In the Wisconsin case, an appeals court overturned the conviction and the woman was released from prison. In the Alabama case, Don Siegelman is still sitting in jail. Another quote from the *Times* editorial reads, "But the Siegelman and Thompson cases are a reminder that when the power of the state to imprison people is put in the wrong hands, lives can be ruined and democracy can be threatened." It will probably be left to history to decide if the jailing of our Alabama friend was justified or if it really is a matter of "power in the wrong hands." We don't like either one of those conclusions.

As we have noted in this column before, The Elba Clipper bought some new computers last month. Of course we always want them to be "modern" for as long as possible so usually buy at the top of the price range. Well guess what... the new smell was not off these "best" computers before Apple was announcing upgrades - more powerful, etc. and for the very same prices we paid! It is a given that a computer you buy today will be obsolete next month, but this was a bit insulting. Yet if we stay around long enough, the same thing is sure to happen again.

It is surprising, but the facts don't lie. Right here in Elba we have had more rain this year than last year! A quick scan of the monthly/quarterly rainfall report from the Choctawhatchee, Pea Watershed Authority shows Elba getting a total of 31.36 inches of rain in 2007. That compares with 24.64 for the same eight month period in 2006. Looking at the monthly breakdowns, it was a very wet April, almost nothing in May, normal in June and terrible in August. August would have been much worse, except for some good rain at the end of the month. Without actually using an adding machine, it looks as if this year would have equaled last year if it were not for getting over nine inches of rain in April. Of the 17 sites monitored by Choc Pea, only two showed any drop in rainfall totals for the year. Those were in Barbour County and in Covington County. Interestingly, the New Brockton gauge recorded the most rainfall of the area with a total of 37.36 inches in the eight month period.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, September 3, 2007, investigated the following incidents: one for criminal littering, four for criminal mischief, four for harassment, four for theft of property, one for a gas drive-off, one for duty upon striking and one for breaking and entering a motor vehicle.

The following arrests were made: one for failure to appear, one for criminal mischief, one for menacing and one for driving under the influence. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for violation of the noise ordinance, one for a suspended driver's license and one for speeding.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3** - Fight in progress reported at Stouderemire and West streets (4:20 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1409 Smith Ave. (7:04 p.m.).

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 - Minor wreck reported at the 203 Bypass and Claxton Ave. (9:04 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1105 Guyton St. (10:08 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1222 County Rd. 220 (4:18 p.m.); Domestic disturbance (verbal) reported at 1331 Claxton Ave. (7:18 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1697 Lower Curtis Rd. (12:39 a.m.); Prowler reported at 807 Simmons St. (3:11 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2695 Hwy. 166 before the school complex (4:04 p.m.); 166 (12:41 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Jackson St. (11:51 p.m.).

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1468 County Rd. 321 (3:43 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 444 County Rd. 418 (4:35 a.m.).

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 - Disturbance (crowd) reported on Jackson St. (12:09 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson St. (8:46 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported near the Mulberry ballpark (9:33 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 707 Roosevelt Dr. (11:39 p.m.).

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 - Prowler reported at 67 County Rd. 367 (12:19 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1237 Jones Circle (12:28 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 3106 County Rd. 205 (2:03 a.m.); Prowler reported at 910 Guyton St. (3:21 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1539 Powell Circle, Lot 7 (9:24 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Brunson Circle (7:42 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Elba Shell (10:00 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 563 County Rd. 239 (10:52 p.m.).

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 - Prowler reported at 895 N. Claxton Ave. (4:15 a.m.); Domestic disturbance (verbal) reported at 411 Adkinson Ave. (7:20 a.m.); Disturbance reported

ADPH promotes fruit and vegetable consumption for improved nutrition

Parents and teachers are more concerned than ever about the quality of food that children eat in schools, and eating fruits and vegetables is a key component of better nutrition. The Alabama Department of Public Health encourages parents to first make sure their children have access to fruits and vegetables and second to encourage children to eat generous amounts of fruits and vegetables as a part of a healthy diet. During September several schools in Alabama are promoting the first ever Fruits & Veggies—More Matters Month, a national effort to get Americans to understand the importance of fruits and vegetables to health.

The theme, which targets Sen. Richard Shelby issues statement on testimony of General David Petraeus

On Monday U.S. Senator Richard Shelby delivered the following statement on the testimony of General David Petraeus to the House Armed Services and Foreign Affairs Committees:

"The Congressional testimony today by General David Petraeus and Ambassador Ryan Crocker confirmed what I saw first-hand in Iraq last month—the surge appears to be working and our troops' morale remains high. However, we must remember there are limits to what our military can do and I remain deeply concerned about the Iraqis meeting their responsibility. I firmly believe the Iraqi government must do more to beef up its police force and military presence. In the near term, while I remain open to supporting a reduction of forces, I continue to believe it should be the military commanders and not 335 Members of Congress who should make that recommendation."

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up a fruit and vegetable display where nutrition information and healthy recipes from around the globe will be available for students and teachers. The school will also host a presentation for parents on eating healthy during the first parent night of the school year.

Schools in Dallas County will be participating in fruit and vegetable month by decorating their cafeterias with posters and banners, and parents are encouraged to have a healthy snack with their children.

For more information, visit www.adph.org/nutrition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site at www.fruitsandveggiesmatter.gov, and the Produce for Better Health Foundation at www.produceforbetterhealth.org.

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PLentiful Pears...Douglas Williams picked the pears shown above from a tree at his home in Elba. Williams said the pear tree was purchased about 15 years ago and has proven through the years to be a good producer of the fruit. Each year, he said there always seems to be some larger than normal pears (such as the ones shown above). He said the weight of these pears ranged from 18-25 ounces. Williams also said the "big" pears are just as sweet and juicy as the others.

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Joseph and I also wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to each and every one of our customers for your patronage and continued loyalty to our store. Without each of you, we would not exist. And our praise to our God above for supplying all our needs day in and day out. We Bless His Holy Name.

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Kinston prepares for Homecoming

The Kinston Bulldogs are busy preparing for homecoming this week.

On Friday, Sept. 14, the Bulldogs will take on the Eagles of Providence Christian. The day's festivities will begin with a homecoming parade through downtown Kinston at 2 p.m.

The theme for this year's parade is "We Got Game." Each entry will depict different types of board games.

The homecoming game will kick off at 7 p.m. The homecoming queen and her court will be presented at this time. Queen - Kourtney Pierce; 1st alternate - Heather Marlowe; 2nd alternate - Katherine Motteler; Freshman attendant - Marika Whitehurst; Sophomore attendant - Bethany Holley; Junior Attendant - Emily Parker

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A MATTER OF TREASON?

Vice-President Aaron Burr killed Alexander Hamilton in a duel in July 1804. Three years later he was a prisoner facing treason charges in a Richmond, Virginia courtroom. The result of his trial established a definition for treason that continues to be used by the courts to this day.

After completing his term in 1805, Burr traveled throughout the Louisiana territory promoting a scheme to create a new country that would include part of the newly purchased Louisiana territory. Burr was able to recruit James Wilkinson, who was governor of the northern Louisiana territory, as well as the

members of the Mexico Society, a group of wealthy businessmen in New Orleans businessmen. While he also attempted to gain the backing of Great Britain, the King of England refused to become involved.

To this day, many of Burr's plans remain unclear, although by the fall of 1806, it was clear to Wilkinson that the plan had little chance of success. Hoping to save himself, he sent a letter outlining the conspiracy to President Thomas Jefferson. While Wilkinson did not name either Burr or himself, much of the information was already public knowledge.

Jefferson went to Congress, who supported the President and a charge of treason was laid against the former Vice-President. Burr was arrested in early 1807 and sent to Richmond to stand trial before Justice John Marshall, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Chief Justice Marshall was charged with determining whether the defendant had breached Article II of the Constitution, which states: "Treason against the United States, shall consist only in levying war against them... No person shall be convicted of treason unless on the testimony of two witnesses to the same overt act, or on confession in open court."

Since the Founding Fathers had approved the Constitution in 1787, no court had found it necessary to establish a practical definition of exactly what constituted treason. In the case of the United States v. Aaron Burr, a letter Burr had written to Wilkinson provided ample proof that the two had conspired to separate parts of Louisiana from the United States.

As the charges referenced events that occurred in Louisiana and Ohio while Burr was two hundred miles away in Kentucky, no witnesses who could say that Burr personally participated in "levying war." For that reason, Chief Justice Marshall concluded that the Constitution required two witnesses to testify the accused was present when the "overt acts" were committed. By definition then, Aaron Burr was not guilty. Find out the full story of Aaron Burr's attempt to create and become Emperor of his own country. Take The Web Journey.

Prepared by the Library of Virginia as part of a 2001 exhibition about John Marshall, this biography of the nation's fourth Chief Justice discusses his involvement in the 1807 treason trial.

The Aaron Burr Trial The Duel John Marshall

This PBS resource is the online companion to this film that bears the same title. It focuses on the 1804 duel between Hamilton and Burr, but includes a well-researched explanation of the later conspiracy and trial. It also offers brief biographies of many of the central figures in Burr's life.

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Obituaries

EMMA MAE THOMAS

Mrs. Emma Mae Thomas, age 95, formerly of Coffee County, Ala., died Sunday, Sept. 2, 2007, in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Services were held Saturday, Sept. 8, with Rev. Joseph N. Flowers officiating. Burial followed in the St. Johns Church Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Louise Stuckey, Elba; daughter: Barbara (husband Robert) Davis, Elba; son: Bob (wife Sue) Stuckey, Ozark, Ala.; four sisters: Julia Gazette and Pauline Stanford, both of Milton, Fla.; Geraldine Salter, New Brockton, Ala.; and Christine Bazemore, Hartsboro, Ala.; three grandsons: Dean Blair, Elba, Steve Stuckey, Milton and Chris Giles, Ozark; two granddaughters: Debbie Osburn, Navarre Beach, Fla., Delia Parrish, Enterprise; three great-grandsons: Brian Blair, Elba, C. J. Giles, Dothan, Ala., Kaleb Giles, Ozark; three great-granddaughters: Lauren and Emily Osburn, Navarre Beach, and Katelyn Parrish, Enterprise.

JAYVIUS QUANTAE BELL Infant Jayvius Quantae Bell died August 31, 2007 at Mizell Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were directed by Coleman Funeral Home.

Jayvius was preceded in death by his great-grandmother, Louise Lacey; and great aunt, Jennifer Larkins.

Survivors include his mother: Natasha Stoudemire; father: James Bell; brothers: Travonius Lane and Obeseon Burks; sister: NaTaviah Bell; grandmothers: Norma Stoudemire, Bessie Bell and Paw Paw Aaron Bogan; grandfathers: James Cook and Grady Brooks; great-grandmother: Alalgenha Bell.

Survivors include his wife: Louise Stuckey, Elba; daughter: Barbara (husband Robert) Davis, Elba; son: Bob (wife Sue) Stuckey, Ozark, Ala.; four sisters: Julia Gazette and Pauline Stanford, both of Milton, Fla.; Geraldine Salter, New Brockton, Ala.; and Christine Bazemore, Hartsboro, Ala.; three grandsons: Dean Blair, Elba, Steve Stuckey, Milton and Chris Giles, Ozark; two granddaughters: Debbie Osburn, Navarre Beach, Fla., Delia Parrish, Enterprise; three great-grandsons: Brian Blair, Elba, C. J. Giles, Dothan, Ala., Kaleb Giles, Ozark; three great-granddaughters: Lauren and Emily Osburn, Navarre Beach, and Katelyn Parrish, Enterprise.

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HODGE FAMILY Thank you for the food, prayers, flowers, telephone calls and visits during the illness and death of our loved one, Fletcher Hodge. Also, thanks to the Hospice workers for their compassionate care and concern. Evelyn Hodge

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LIFESTYLES & CHURCH NEWS

Miss Lawford honored with bridal tea on Sunday, September 9th



Pictured top to bottom: Judy Taylor, Brenda Elliott, Kayron Shehee, Lyndsay Lawford - honoree, Betty Lawford and Nell Lawford

The day was perfect as it started out with a hint of fall in the air. The entrance to the home of Kayron Shehee was lined with mums and other hints of fall throughout. This was the setting for the bridal tea for Lyndsay Lawford, bride-elect of Josh Elliott.

Those in the receiving line with Lyndsay were her mother, Betty Lawford, Brenda Elliott, the groom's mother, Nell Lawford, Lyndsay's grandmother, and Judy Taylor, Lyndsay's aunt.

As each guest arrived they were greeted by Kayron Shehee and she presented them to Lyndsay and her family. They were registered by Magen Green, cousin of the future groom. The roll top desk held the bridal registry and a bud vase of rose in the bride's chosen colors.

After registering, guests were invited to be served by Melissa Flowers and Tammy Driggers, friends of the bride, from a table overlaid with a cloth of battenburg. A beautiful arrangement designed by Harriett Boyd graced one end of the table. Appointment of crystal held party dainties and a large crystal punch bowl held the delicious lemonade.

The guests strolled through the gift rooms where they viewed the many useful gifts given to this young couple.

The hostesses for this occasion were Charlotte Anderson, Vickie Bailey, Kim Bane, Harriett Boyd, Lynn Corder, Sharon Cowen, Tammy Driggers, Melissa Flowers, Lucia Stephens, Grantham, Henrietta Grimes, Lisa Grimes, Mary Holley, Gloria Jirigat, Mrs. Harold (Fay) Johnson, Margaret Lindsey, Elaine Martin, Doris Matthews, Gwen Mullinax, Janice Clark, Phillips, Kayron Shehee, Vickie Simpson, Peggy Stroud, Candace Vaughan, Linda Westbrook, Kaye Whitworth.

There will be a gospel singing at Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church on Saturday, September 15, 2007 beginning at 7 p.m. The featured singing groups will be The Snellgroves of Elba and Mercy Rain from Enterprise.

For more information contact Gus Grant - (334) 897-6793 or 465-5555, or call Bill Daughtry - (334) 735-2010.

Goodman Baptist Church to hold revival services September 23-26

Revival services will be held at Goodman Baptist Church, 6561 Co. Rd. 625, Enterprise, AL from September 23 through 26, 2007. Sunday, Sept. 23 services will be at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24 services will be at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25 services will be at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26 services will be at 7:00 p.m.

Guest Evangelist will be Richard Collier.

Ladies Power Lunch planned for September 25th in The Baptist Center in Enterprise

Ladies Power Lunch will be held in The Baptist Center at 109 East Lee St., Enterprise. The event will begin at 12:00 noon and last until 1:00 p.m. on September 25, 2007.

All ladies are invited to come and are urged to bring a friend. The program will be a video message from Anne Graham Lotz on "I Saw The Lord - A Wake Up Call for your Heart".

Reservation should be made by September 21. Call First Baptist Church at 393-5683. Cost for the lunch is \$5.00.

For more information contact Teresa Hall at 334-347-2076 Ext. 112.

Registration deadline is September 21 for October ACT test

The next ACT test will be administered on October 27, 2007. Students who wish to take the college admission and placement exam must register by September 21 - the deadline for having the registration postmarked. There is an additional late registration postmark deadline of October 5, however, an extra fee is charged for late registrations. Students can register online at www.actcentral.org, or pick up registration forms from high school counseling offices.

The cost is \$30 for the traditional ACT and \$44.50 for the ACT Plus Writing.

The Coffee County Republican Committee to meet September 18th

The Coffee County Republican Committee will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 18th, 6 PM at Po-Folks Restaurant in Enterprise. This is an open meeting. For information call Joan Aye 347-1856



THE ROBINSON FAMILY held their annual Family Reunion on September 8, 2007, at the Elba Recreation Center. Attendees came from as far as Atlanta, Ga. and Clarksville, TN. The late Abraham Sr. and Martha Robinson were blessed with 11 children.

Roberts-Williams wedding to be held Saturday, September 15, at Ino Baptist Church

Ms. Nina Roberts and Mr. Chad Williams will be united in marriage on Saturday, September 15, 2007 at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon, at Ino Baptist Church, Kinston, Alabama. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Fun Day In the Park being hosted by C.C. Baptist Association

Coffee Baptist Association is hosting a Fun Day in the Park on Saturday, September 15, 2007. The event will be at the Coffee County Park on Hwy 167 from 9:00 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

There will be games, food, music and much more for the entire family!

This occasion is to celebrate 130 years of Association Missions and the 100th annual meeting! The Springs Band will perform at 6:00 p.m.

For more information call 894-6411

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"Put a little love in your heart"...

What is love? It's more than just a four letter word. It's one of the most over looked words in our Christian society today. Webster defines love as a "strong affection for one another arising out of kinship or personal ties." But, love is more than just a four letter word, it is a word that requires action behind it. After all, the religion of Christianity hinges on love. Jesus Christ himself said, "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate all your enemies. But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them who which spitefully use you and persecute you" (Matthew 5:43-44). As Christians, we must realize that love crosses all barriers, love crosses all religious and denominational lines, love crosses all races, colors, and creed and love is what draws us to Christ. When God called us out of the world, His love for us was so strong He looked beyond any faults that we may have had. He took a spiritual magnifying glass and saw the small amount of goodness we had in us and He used that to make us what we are today. If that isn't love, then I don't know what is. Love is just what you see on the outside, but rather love starts and must take root in the heart. There must be a spiritual circumcision that can only be performed by God. If there are things in your heart that are not like God, you must make a conscience effort to pray and ask God to remove those things which are not like Him. Then and only then can one understand the mission that is set before him from God. Before I signed off I would like to leave you with this scripture, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). If God gave what was most important to Him, I think the least we could do is give our all to Him.

Homecoming and revival services planned at Pleasant Ridge Church

Homecoming and revival services will be held at Pleasant Ridge Church (South of Victoria) Sunday, September 23; Tuesday, September 25.

Homecoming services will be held September 23 beginning at 10 a.m. with a gospel singing, featuring the Old Southern Gospel Group. Services will continue at 11 a.m. with worship with Bro. Larry Grimm of Mt.

Zion Baptist Church. Services will be followed by "dinner on the grounds."

Revival services will be held September 24-25 beginning at 7 p.m. each night. Guest preacher will be Rev. Buddy Hood of Pilgrim Home Baptist Church, Wicksburg, Ala. and the music will be led by Bro. Mark Donaldson of Westview Baptist Church, Enterprise, Ala.

Vanderbilt Holiness Church to host Gospel Concert

Vanderbilt Holiness Church will be having a Gospel Concert featuring "God's Family from Troy, AL." on September 22, at 6:00 PM. Church is located on

Coffee County Route 114 about one (1) mile past Wayne Farms. For more info call 334/894-5021 or 334/347-0569.

Round & About

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SCRIPTURE: John 17:1-26

THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU: Robert Tillis, The Burnette Family, The Ware Family, Napoleon Tillis

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Eria and Grover (In Memory Of) Belcher, September 12 (Wedding Anniversary), Michael Terrell, September 14, Gussie Adams, September 15, Doris Waters, September 17, Elmer Brock, September 18, Angela Seals, September 18, Lizzie Tyson, September 13 (In Memory Of), R.C. Carpenter, September 13, Verlin Whitfield, September 13, L.V. Johnson, September 14, Shambria Samuel, September 15, Ollie Peterson, September 16, Deana Gilford, September 16

ROCKY HEAD MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH will celebrate Choir Night on September 16, 2007 at 6 p.m. All choirs, soloists, and praise and dance teams are invited.

ed. The event is sponsored by Rocky Head Missionary Baptist church Ensemble.

AUXILIARY WEEK OF THE ROCKY HEAD MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH will be September 16-20, 2007 beginning at 6 p.m. Sunday night, Monday, September 17- Thursday, September 20 services will begin at 7 p.m.

THE 120TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY OF ROCKY HEAD MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH will be held September 23, 2007. Services will begin with Sunday School at 9 a.m. and morning worship at 10:30 a.m.

MT. MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH, Andalusia, Ala. will have their choir anniversary on Sunday September 16, 2007 at 3 p.m. Rev. W. J. Curry is the pastor.

Today is a good day! Be grateful. Eria

Mount Olive Baptist Church to begin revival services September 16th

Mount Olive Baptist Church will begin revival on Sunday, September 16th. Sunday School starts at 10:00 followed by Morning Worship at 11:00. Evening worship will begin at 5:00. The speaker for these two services will be Pastor Richard Moss. The Wilkerson Family will provide special music in the 5:00 service.

Monday through Thursday evening at 7:00, the guest evangelist will be Glen Ward. He is the director of "His Place," a place of restoration for men 18 years and older who have a life-controlling problem such as drug abuse, alcohol abuse, etc. "His Place" is located in Opelika and provides a Biblical solution for anyone with a sincere desire to receive it and who are will-

ing to do whatever is necessary to be free of the addictions that control them.

Special Music on Monday night will be provided by The Adecks. On Tuesday evening, Ellen Briley and Richard Moss will be singing. Jason and Audrey Windham will provide special music on Wednesday and on Thursday, Brother Glen will bring a group from "His Place" to sing.

Mt. Olive is located on County Road 355 about 7 miles Northwest of Elba in the Pine Level Community. Everyone is invited to attend.

Worship at The Church of Your Choice This Sunday!

Church Directory

WED. BIBLE CLASS 6:30 p.m.
MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION
Rev. Jerry Long, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Jerry Long, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.
Huron & Linda Williams, Pastors
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

NEW HILL, ELBA BAPTIST CHURCH
OF GOD IN CHRIST
Loretta Flowers, Minister
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST-ENTERPRISE
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Morning Worship 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Friday Evening 7:00 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Wayne Webster
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Ben McKee, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Elbert Smith, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

NEW GLOBUS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Elder Cornelius Newman, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Guy Dunn, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
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SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Joe Paritz, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Rev. Earl Smith
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.
Friday Prayer Meeting 5:30 p.m.

WANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH
Pastor Rev. Roy L. Turner
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Dennis Maier, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship 7:00 p.m.

VICTORY TABERNACLE
St. Baby Nell & Doug Lawson, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship 7:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
Dr. James Newell, Interim Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

WHITWATER BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Randall Penson
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Kenneth Hagler, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Don Poinsett, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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Views From...

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mulaz, Sports Editor

Melanie was active at school throughout her years at Elba High, and that has continued on at Troy University as she has been selected to be a member of the freshman senate. She told me over the weekend she won't get to come home this week because she will serve as a hostess at the Troy-Oklahoma State football game on Friday, and then travel to Montgomery on Saturday with the members of the senate. It is great she is active at college and will get the chance to do lots of things others won't. However, I did assure her grades are her number one priority, and to make certain all the outside activities don't take away from studying.

ELBA TIGERS GET BIG EARLY-SEASON REGION WIN

The Elba Tigers grabbed a big early-season win in the region last week by rolling past Headland 28-6, in Headland. The Tigers had chances to put the game away throughout the contest, but failed to cash in on three scoring opportunities, committed four turnovers and were haggled for over 100 yards in penalties. The offense had little trouble moving the football up and down the field, and was led by sophomore Carlos Matias. The super soph gained 232 yards rushing and scored 3 touchdowns, and also pulled in 3 passes for 27 yards. Quarterback Trey Martin went over the 100-yard mark for the second straight week, but the passing game was still a little out of sync, and needs to get better to keep opponents from stacking the line to stop Matias. The Elba defense got after Headland for all four quarters and was in almost complete command. Senior Demetrio Tyson continued to be a dominating force and appears to be a true stopper up front, while Bobby Hudson had another big night and may be the most under-rated player on the defensive side of the ball. Another player that stepped up last week was Don Rhoades. Rhoades returned a punt 48 yards in the second quarter to set up the Elba offense at the Headland 15-yardline, and later had a 31-yard return wiped out by a penalty. Elba's kicking game has been lacking in recent years, but Rhoades may give the Tigers an added weapon that could make the difference in close games. I'll admit Headland wasn't very good and was a little short on athletes. However, the attitude and effort shown by the Elba players after last week's loss to Brantley was great to see, and gives Tiger fans hopes for even more wins.

BRANTLEY WINS, COUNTY TEAMS STRUGGLE

The second week of the season is now in the books, and while the Brantley Bulldogs posted yet another lopsided region win, the county teams all struggled and came out on the short end of a combined score of 154-13. Here's a look back...

*** Brantley (2-0) - The Bulldogs overcame having four touchdowns called back on penalties to easily dispose of Pleasant Home 42-13. Brantley scored almost at will in claiming its second win of the season, and after two weeks in looks like the Bulldogs might just be good enough to post another undefeated region record and be a team to watch in the post-season.

*** New Brockton (1-1) - The Gamecocks had high hopes of a region win last week against Wicksburg, but someone apparently lost the key to the coop as they never even put up a fight in a 42-7 setback. New Brockton is much improved in some areas from years past, but the Gamecocks still must play their best to have a chance at winning, no matter the opponent. Consistency will be the key to the Gamecocks' season, and needs to come very soon.

*** Zion Chapel (0-2) - The Rebels remained winless on the early-season with a 47-6 loss at home to Arion, and all of the sudden it looks like the Rebels are looking like a team that will have to pull off an upset if they are to win a game. The Rebels have shown they can move the football, but have had problems reaching the endzone, and that is the only way to score in football. There is a lot of season left to work hard and improve, and that is the bright spot up at Jack.

*** Kinston (0-2) - The Bulldogs felt good about the season after a hard fought loss in the season opener, but saw the wheels come off the wagon last week in a 65-0 loss to McKenzie. Kinston has never enjoyed a lot of success on the football field and lacks the confidence it takes to be a big winner. However, the Bulldogs do have some players that are capable of making big plays, and those players must provide the leadership if the 'Dogs are to win some games this season.

WEEK TWO IS FILLED WITH EXCITEMENT

The second week of the high school football season is history, and while history was never my favorite subject, I will take a look back and see what happened on the gridiron...

*** Opp improved to 2-0 on the young season with a 28-0 win over Alabama Christian. The Bobcats have already won more games this season than they did a year ago, and hopes are high over in the land of opportunity that this is the season the Bobcats will be able to make football a sport, instead of something no one wants to talk about.

*** Florala remained unbeaten with a wild 38-32 win over Providence Christian. The Eagles and Wildcats were tied with only seconds left in the game, and Providence Christian lined up for a short field goal that would win them the key region game. However, Florala blocked the field goal and returned the block for a touchdown to escape with the win.

*** Highland Home scored with less than a minute left on the clock to outscore Goshen 50-46. The score was 16-14 at the half, but the two region rivals combined to score 66 points in the second half in a game that lasted almost three and one-half hours. Oh well, I guess all the scoring at least kept the fans awake as the clock moved toward 10:30 PM.

*** Pike County made it look easy in a 39-7 romp past Geneva. The Panthers handed the Bulldogs their only loss a year ago on Pike County's roll to the state title, and Friday night the 'Dogs made it known they are more than ready to defend their title and light up the scoreboard at the same time. Up in Pike County the Bulldogs' bite is always bad to the bone.

*** And, in other action worth noting, Enterprise had no problems in blasting the toothless Tigers of Dothan High 34-0, Eufaula bounced back from an opening loss with a 52-0 win over Rehobeth, Red Level got shelled 50-8 by Flomaton, Luverne bounced back with a 28-13 win over Horseshoe Bend, T.R. Miller got its first win of the season with a 28-6 victory over Southside of Selma, and SA #1 St. Paul's got run off the field in a 40-7 loss to Williamson.

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FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** All the Alabama fans were scared of the Tide's trip to Nashville to play Vanderbilt, but the Crimson Tide flexed their muscles early and ran over the Commodores 24-10, in a game that wasn't even that close. Alabama didn't look good through the air, but the offensive line took charge at the line of scrimmage and the Tide used its running game to run away with win. Two wins are nothing to call home about, but this Alabama team is much different from the teams of the Shula era, and should only get better.

*** Okay Auburn fans, I know you were all trying to convince us how good Kansas State and South Florida would be back before the season kicked off, and I will admit they were pretty good teams. However, neither team should have been able to even challenge the Tigers in the wild place they call Jordan-Hare Stadium, and the loss to South Florida was one that should embarrass even the biggest Tiger fanatic. I don't care how good South Florida was, they should never beat Auburn anywhere, and the loss was more due to the way Auburn played than the way the Bulls played.

*** Troy got wiped out by Florida 59-31, and it was funny to listen to the Trojan post game show and hear the Troy announcer brag about how well the Trojans played in the second half. The fact Florida owned a 49-7 lead at the half had a lot to do with the lack of intensity on the Florida sidelines, and the fact Troy outscored the Gators 24-10 in the second half meant nothing. I'll admit that both Alabama and Auburn would probably be 0-2 if they opened the season against the Trojans opening two opponents. However, the announcers up at Troy need to understand what the game is really about.

*** And, Elba opened its season last week in the Tri-County Youth Football League and all three teams posted big wins at Zion Chapel. The Midget Tigers rolled to a 28-6 win, while the Termites Tigers won 34-6 and the Pee Wee Tigers rolled to a 40-0 victory. The teams play again at home this weekend, beginning at 5:30 at Miller Stadium, and I urge anyone that is looking for something to do Saturday night to come on down and watch the youngsters in action.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PREDICTS PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator was in a little better mood when he stopped by the office over the weekend after hitting of 30 of 34 picks in week two action. The local guessperts wanted to talk about Auburn's upset loss more than he did high school football, but with a 48-13 record after two weeks, I guess he still pays a little attention to the high school scene. Here are this week's picks...

ELBA VS. DALE COUNTY

The Pea River felines ran circles around the goats they ran into over in Henry County, and this week will have to load up even more cat chow for their trip over to Dale County for a tussle with a band of renegades that live just off Highway 231. The felines showed signs of growing claws a week ago, and will need them to be sharp and ready this week if they hope to avoid the scalping party.

ELBA 20 DALE COUNTY 7

BRANTLEY VS. ZION CHAPEL

The Bulldogs from up in Crenshaw County will play host to a

Tigers look for region win at Dale County

The Elba Tigers will continue their early-season road trip Friday night when they travel to Midland City for an important region battle against the Dale County Warriors.

The Tigers moved to 1-0 in region play (1-1 overall) last week with a big 28-6 road win over Headland, while the Warriors slipped to 0-1 in the region (1-1 overall) with a stunning 27-7 upset loss to Slocomb.

"I don't know what happened last week," said Elba's Coach Scott Rials, "but I do know Dale County has a very good football team and is more than capable of winning Friday night if we don't play our best. They whipped us a year ago in Elba, and those same players are back this season and have their goal set at making the playoffs. We know we will have our hands full Friday night."

Dale County, coached by Todd Horne, posted a 4-6 record last season after failing to win a game in 2005, and things are definitely looking up for the once-prod Warriors.

"We've got a lot more kids out," said Coach Horne in a pre-season interview, "and the kids are a lot older and more experienced. There were a lot of close games last season and we could have ended up 6-4, or easily ended up 0-10. The kids got a taste of how their hard work pays off, and they want to take the next step and make the playoffs and have a winning season."

Sophomore quarterback Justin Wesley is back for his second season leading the ground-oriented Wing-T Warrior attack, as are senior running backs Cord Bennett and Chris Henderson. Senior guard Andrew Larsen, senior tackle Derrick Seagers and junior tight-end Trey Watson also return on offense, giving the Warriors the experience to be effective in their time control offense.

Six starters return on defense, including four of the five starters on the defensive line in the Warriors' 5-3 alignment. The returnees include Henderson and Watson at end, and Seagers and Xavier Hightower at tackle. Seth Davis also returns at line-backer.

"These kids will do a good job because they've been there before and know how to handle bad situations," added Coach

Coffee County team this week and will set up camp for a battle with the Zion Chapel Rebels. The 'Dogs have made quick work out of their first two victims this season, while the Rebs have had major problems getting their hands on ammunition. If the Rebels can load up their guns this week they may have a chance, but if they come to the battle with empty rifles it could get ugly.

BRANTLEY 48 ZION CHAPEL 6

NEW BROCKTON VS. GENEVA COUNTY

The yard birds from over near Mayberry must have gotten a little car sick last week on their ride up Highway 84, because they could barely get off the ground and lost more than a few feathers in a big region setback. This week the roosters will be back at home, and ready to crow when they open the gates to the coop and let in some puppies that have somehow won their first two games. In an upset...

NEW BROCKTON 16 GENEVA COUNTY 15

KINSTON VS. PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN

The bullpups from down near the county line will celebrate homecoming this weekend and have invited a flock of birds over to join in on the fun. Word is the folks down in K'town have bird on the post-game menu. However, these birds may be a little hard to catch, and the guess here is the pups may go to the dance hungry.

PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN 27 KINSTON 8

OTHER PICKS:

Arion 26 Florala 15
Maplesville 29 St. Jude 6
McKenzie 38 Pleasant Home 14
Sweet Water 52 Sunshine 0
Goshen 40 Barbour County 18
Flomaton 35 Bayside 10
Cottonwood 28 G.W. Long 7
Highland Home 41 Horseshoe Bend 8
Houston County 21 Houston Academy 17
Luverne 20 Lanett 19
Red level 20 Keith 18
Wicksburg 34 Samson 0
Pike County 47 Abbeville 12
Geneva 16 Straughn 14
Slocomb 22 Headland 7
Andalusia 28 Opp 10
Ashford 29 Bullock County 6
Trinity 17 Daleville 14
T.R. Miller 21 Escambia Co. 20
W.S. Neal 27 Southside 12
Carroll 21 Valley 8
Charles Henderson 28 Tallahassee 14
Eufaula 35 B.T. Washington 0
Greenville 33 Rehobeth 6
Opelika 42 Dothan 3
Enterprise 24 Northview 7
Prattville 31 Jeff Davis 10
Stanhope Elmore 27 R.E. Lee 0

Horne, a Dale County graduate. "These kids want to go to the playoffs. That is what we are shooting for."

"Last week was a big region win on the road," said Coach Rials, in his fourth years at Elba helm. "We had chances to

the chance. Dale County will try to keep the ball away from our offense, and that will make every possession very important. We need to be a little more effective passing to open up the running game, and will have to be physical in the offensive line. Over on defense, we need to play with the same intensity we did last week, and be aggressive and smart at the same time. The



Elba Junior Tiger running back Sandarius Reed (10) looks for room as a Straughn defender closes in. The Tigers opened the season with an 18-6 win, at Straughn.

(Mike Capps photo)

In season opener

Junior Tigers roll past Straughn 18-6

The Elba Junior High Tigers opened their season last Tuesday night in Straughn and rolled to an impressive 18-6 win over the Straughn Tigers.

Elba threatened to get on the scoreboard in the opening quarter when the Tigers drove inside the Straughn 5-yardline. However, the Tigers failed to take advantage of the early scoring opportunity and at halftime the score was still knotted at 0-0.

Elba received the second half kickoff and wasted little time

grabbing the lead as Gunnar McCollough connected with Davonta Tillis on a 65-yard touchdown pass. The two-point try failed, but Elba was finally on the scoreboard with a 6-0 lead.

The Tiger defense scored the game's next points, as on Straughn's third play from scrimmage Michael Lindsey stepped in front of a pass and returned the interception 35 yards for a Tiger touchdown.

The two-point try was again unsuccessful, but only minutes

into the third quarter Elba was in command with a 12-0 advantage.

Elba's final score of the game came with 5:00 remaining in the fourth quarter on a 28-yard touchdown run by Michael Lindsey, while Straughn avoided the shutout with a late score to make the final Elba 18 Straughn 6.

The Elba defense, which held Straughn to negative yards rushing, was led by Michael Lindsey, Tyler Anderson and Xavier Rodgers.

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Elba Tiger defenders Dakell Berry (33), Michael Lindsey (6), Bobby Hudson (28) and Richard Cooks (22) combine to stop a Headland runner for a short gain. The Elba defense limited the Rams to only 110 total yards of offense in last week's 28-6 region win.



Elba Tiger running back Carlos Matias (12) fights for yardage in last week's 28-6 region win over Headland. Matias, a sophomore, gained 232 yards and scored 3 touchdowns to spark the Tigers to the big region win. Elba will travel to Dale County this week looking for region win #2.

Elba Tigers slam Headland 28-6

By Ricky Mulaz, Sports Editor
Photos by Mike Capps

The Elba Tigers broke into the win column Friday night with a big 28-6 win over the Headland Rams, in Headland.

The win evened the Tigers record at 1-1, 1-0 in region play, while the loss dropped the Rams record to 0-2, 0-1 in region competition.

Elba fumbled the ball away on its first play from scrimmage in the key region contest, but came to life on its second offensive possession as the Tigers marched 70 yards to reach the Headland 10-yardline. Trey Martin completed two passes for 21 yards to help lead the Tigers downfield, while Carlos Matias gained 63 yards on 8 carries and pulled in one pass for a 10-yard gain. Elba faced a fourth down and two at the Headland 10 on the twelve play of the drive, but saw the drive end as Martin missed his target with a fourth down pass.

Elba began its next possession near midfield and this time marched 52 yards in 11 plays to get on the scoreboard. Trey Martin completed 3 of 5 passes for 40 yards to lead the Tigers toward the endzone, with a key connection being a 10-yard pass from Martin to Dylan McCollough on third down and 10 early in the drive. The touchdown came on a 2-yard run by Carlos Matias, and Richard Cooks added the extra-point as Elba went on top 7-0 with 8:28 remaining in the second quarter.

Elba got the ball right back on Headland's next snap when Dimetrio Tyson recovered a Rams fumble at the Headland 32-yardline, and from there it took the Tigers only four plays to add to their lead. Michael Lindsey pulled in a 23-yard pass from Trey Martin to get the drive started, and it was Lindsey that ended the drive when he scored the touchdown on a 1-yard plunge. The extra-point failed, but with 6:54 left in the quarter the Tigers' lead was up to 13-0.

Elba had a chance to add to its lead late in the half after Don Rhoades returned a punt 48 yards to the Headland 15-yardline. However, this time Martin missed on three of four passes, and the Tigers went in at the half with a 13-0 advantage.

Elba received the second half kickoff and behind the running of Carlos Matias drove to a first down and goal at the Headland 4-yardline. Matias gained 57 yards on five carries to lead the Tigers deep into Headland territory. However, the Tigers again came away empty-handed as they lost 8 yards on a fumble and then fumbled again on fourth down at the 2-yardline.

The offense may have failed to score on the possession. However, the Tiger defense did salvage two-points out of the trip downfield, as on the Rams first play after the fourth down fumble Elba's Dimetrio Tyson met a Headland runner in the endzone for a safety, upping the Elba lead to 15-0 with 8:14 remaining in the third quarter.

Elba punted for the only time in the game on its next possession, but got the ball back at the Headland 25-yardline on a pass interception by Gavin Respress, and this time cashed in on the scoring opportunity to extend its lead.

Carlos Matias gained 17 yards on two carries to move the Tigers to the Headland 8-yardline, and it was Matias that scored the touchdown on a 5-yard dash. The extra-point attempt failed, but with 51-seconds remaining in the third quarter Elba's lead stood at 21-0.

The Elba offense suffered turnovers on its next two possessions as Headland came up with an interception and a fumble.

The Rams recovered the fumble at the Elba 32-yardline, and covered the distance into the endzone in four plays to get on the scoreboard. Michael Thompson scored the touchdown on a 4-yard run, and while the extra-point try failed, Headland had cut the Elba lead to 21-6 with 4:57 left in the fourth quarter.

Elba regained possession at midfield late in the game following a fourth down gamble by the Rams, and added to its point total as the Tigers drove 50 yards in only three plays. Carlos Matias scored the touchdown on a 38-yard scamper, and Richard Cooks booted the extra-point to give the Tigers the 28-6 region win.

Carlos Matias gained 232 yards on 32 carries and scored 3 touchdowns to lead Elba, while Michael Lindsey gained 8 yards on 4 carries and scored 1 touchdown, and also pulled in 2 passes for 46 yards. Trey Martin completed 10 of 21 passes for 114 yards, with Carlos Matias and Dylan McCollough both making 3 catches for a combined 50 yards.

STATISTICS

E	H
17	1st Downs
40-227	Rushes-Yds.
114	Passing Yds.
341	Total Offense
10-21-1	Passes
6/3	Fumbles/Lost
1-43	Punts-Ave.
11-103	Penalties-Yds.
	8-60

Elba Tiger Jordan Bryant (2) drags down the Headland quarterback for a sack after Dimetrio Tyson (77) blocked his passing lane by leaping over a would be blocker. Elba's defense dominated in the region win.



Meredith Brunson performs with the Elba Marching Tiger Band during halftime festivities last week at Headland.

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Brantley Bulldog head coach David Lowery talks with his team during a time-out in last week's 42-13 region win over Pleasant Home. The Bulldogs will continue in region play this week when they travel to Zion Chapel on Thursday night.

Brantley soars past Eagles 42-13

By Greg Brunson
Photos by Janet Brunson

The Brantley Bulldogs opened region play Friday night with an impressive 42-13 victory over the Pleasant Home Eagles, in Pleasant Home.

The Bulldogs crossed the goal line ten times during the game, only to have four scores nullified by penalties.

Stephen Walker set up the first score of the night when he intercepted an Eagle pass on the third play of the game. The turnover set the Bulldogs up at the Pleasant Home 25-yardline, and after an Anthony Gulley touchdown was wiped out by a holding penalty, Chase Hall hit Walker with a 14-yard completion to the Eagle 13-yardline. Terrell Burnett took the handoff on the next snap and went up the middle for the score. Britt Barnes added the extra-point and with 9:00 left in the first quarter Brantley was ahead 7-0.

Anthony Gulley set up the next Brantley touchdown with a 22-yard punt return that put the Brantley offense in business at the Eagle 19-yardline. Terrell Burnett got the call on the next two calls and scored on a 5-yard dash up the middle. Barnes added the extra-point and with 11:49 remaining in the second quarter the Brantley lead was up to 14-0.

The Eagles got their offense off the ground on their next possession and drove to the Brantley 21-yardline in 14 plays. Roy-L. Knighten halted the drive when he picked off an Eagle aerial and returned the interception 86 yards for an apparent touchdown. A penalty flag for a block in the back nullified the score and brought the ball back out to the Brantley 28-yardline. However, the flag only delayed the Bulldogs' next score, as seven plays later Chase Hall connected with Justin Wright in the endzone on a 25-

yard touchdown toss. Britt Barnes added the extra-point as the Bulldogs lead went to 21-0 with 1:00 left in the half.

The Bulldogs' Justin Wright intercepted another Eagle pass on Pleasant Home's next play from scrimmage to give the "Dogs another scoring opportunity, and Brantley cashed in the opportunity to blow the game open.

Chase Hall hit Anthony Gulley on a crossing pattern with only seconds left on the clock, and Gulley found his way into the endzone. A late flag nullified the touchdown, but again Brantley overcame the penalty as on the final play of the half Hall connected with Gulley from 21 yards out for a touchdown. Barnes drilled his fourth extra-point of the half and at intermission Brantley owned a 28-0 advantage.

Pleasant Home's Robbie Weaver recovered a Bulldog fumble early in the second half to set the Eagles up at their own 47-yardline, and this time Pleasant Home was able to cash in the turnover, as on the sixth play of the possession Josh Dozier found Robbie Weaver behind the Brantley defense and made the connection for a 41-yard touchdown. The extra-point try failed, and with 10:05 left in the third quarter Brantley's lead stood at 28-6.

Pleasant Home was unsuccessful with an on-sides kick attempt following the score, as Brantley recovered at midfield. On the Bulldogs' first snap Anthony Gulley took a handoff and sprinted 50 yards into the endzone. Barnes added the extra-point and with 9:42 left in the third quarter the Bulldogs had extended their lead to 35-6.

The Brantley defense recorded two more takeaways on the Eagles next two possessions, as Chris Walker and Derek Holley both pounced on Pleasant Home fumbles.

Anthony Gulley got his third touchdown of the game with 2:30 remaining in the third quarter on a 21-yard run, and Barnes drilled the extra-point to up the Brantley lead to 42-6 with 2:30 still remaining in the third quarter.

Pleasant Home took the ensuing kickoff and drove 65 yards in 12 plays to score the final points of the night. The touchdown came on a 2-yard run with 5:40 left on the clock, and Tyler Dozier extra-point to make the final score Brantley 42 Pleasant Home 13.

Anthony Gulley led the Brantley offense with 130 yards rushing and 2 touchdowns on 8 carries, and also pulled in one catch for 21 yards and a third score. Chase Hall had a big night throwing the ball as he completed 7 of 10 passes for 124 yards and 2 touchdowns.

STATISTICS

B	PH
11	1st Downs
20-196	Rushes-Yds.
124	Passing Yds.
320	Total Offense
7-10-0	Passes
66	Return Yds.
2	Fumbles Lost
7-58	Penalties-Yds.

Zion Chapel Rebels travel to Brantley Thursday evening for region contest

The high school football season will kickoff its third week of action this week all across the state, and locally all four teams will be in action as region play is set to continue.

Following is a preview of this week's schedule:

Geneva County at New Brockton

The (1-1) New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to grab a much-needed region win at home Friday night when they host the (2-0) Geneva County Bulldogs. The Gamecocks lost much of the energy gained in a season opening win over Zion Chapel last week in a big 42-7 region loss to Wicksburg, and must regroup quickly to avoid dropping to 0-2 in region play. Geneva County has opened the season with wins over Kinston 18-7 and G.W. Long 20-17, and while the Bulldogs were expected to struggle this season, the two wins have the Bulldogs barking loudly and filled with confidence. This is a "must win" early in the season if the

Gamecocks hope to make the playoffs, and should reveal just how good this year's Gamecocks really are.

Zion Chapel at Brantley

The (2-0) Brantley Bulldogs will play host Thursday night and tangle with the winless Rebels of (0-2) Zion Chapel. The Bulldogs opened defense of their region crown last week with an easy 42-13 win over Pleasant Home, and after two games have outscored their victims 76-19. It was supposed to be a rebuilding season for the "Dogs. However, after two games it looks like the foundation for another state title hunt is already in place. Zion Chapel had a new coach and new expectations heading into the season, but after opening the season with two lopsided losses, the Rebels find themselves in need of a big win to turn things around. The Rebels have proven they can move the football on the ground and in the air, but have hurt themselves with turnovers and not being able to

finish drives. This week the Rebels will have to play their best to even have a chance.

Providence Christian at Kinston

The (0-2) Kinston Bulldogs will celebrate homecoming Friday night when they host the (1-1) Providence Christian Eagles in a key early-season region clash. The Bulldogs opened region play last week with a 65-0 loss at McKenzie, and must regroup in a hurry if they are to have any hopes of posting a winning record and earning a spot in the state playoffs. Providence Christian dropped a heartbreaker last week to Florida 38-32 on a blocked field-goal that turned into a touchdown on the game's final play, and the Eagles will head to Kinston looking to bounce back and even their region record. If the Bulldogs can feed off the excitement of homecoming they could pull off the upset. However, after last week the Eagles will not be a good mood.

Drop region opener

Gamecocks ripped by Panthers 42-7

Statistics & photos by Trey Medley

The New Brockton Gamecocks traveled to Wicksburg Friday night to open region play and had nothing to crow about as they lost more than just a few feathers in a lopsided 42-7 loss to the Wicksburg Panthers.

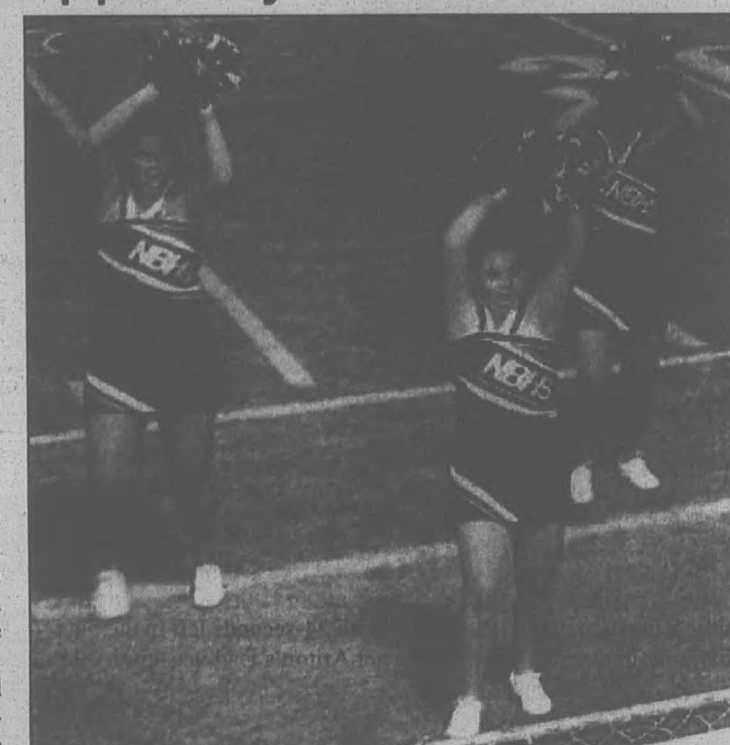
The loss dropped the Gamecocks' record to 1-1, 0-1 in region play, while the Panthers upped their record to 2-0, 1-0 in region action.

Wicksburg jumped out to an early lead on a 2-yard pass from Blake Wallace to Nick Burgen, and after the extra-point by Ben Turberville the Panthers were on top 7-0 with 9:14 still left in the opening stanza.

The Panthers upped their lead to 14-0 with 5:24 left in the quarter on a 37-yard run by Wallace and a Tuberville extra-point, then covered 91 yards in five plays and scored on a 15-yard pass from Wallace to Zach Love to take command. Tuberville tackled on his third p.a.t. of the night, and Wicksburg owned a stunning 21-0 advantage.

A 5-yard touchdown pass from Blake Wallace to Seth Holmes and a Tuberville extra-point upped the Panthers lead to 28-0 in the second quarter, and that was where it stood as the teams went in at the half.

New Brockton showed signs of life early in the third quarter and drove to the Wicksburg 30-yardline. However, the drive bogged down, and the Panthers promptly marched 70 yards in



New Brockton Gamecock cheerleaders kept the spirit Friday night at Wicksburg despite the moutning deficit on the scoreboard.

nine plays to add to their lead. Blake Wallace capped the long scoring drive with a 24-yard touchdown run, and Tuberville added the extra-point to put the Panthers ahead 35-0 with 2:32 remaining in the third quarter.

Wicksburg's lead went to 42-0 on its next possession on a 71-yard touchdown pass from Wallace to Seth Holmes and that was where it stood as the teams went in at the half.

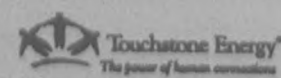
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Kyle Roehler added the extra-point, but at the end of the night the cheering was coming from the Wicksburg side of the field as the Panthers celebrated the 42-7 win.

Dexter Gilley gained 119 yards rushing to lead the New Brockton offense, while Nathan Foster completed 4 of 19 passes, with Dominique Muhammad pulling in 2 passes for 21 yards, and 1 touchdown. On defense, Seth Culverhouse led the Gamecocks with 8 tackles, while Dominique Muhammad and Justin Grinswald both made 6 stops.



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SPORTS

Kinston Bulldogs fall hard to McKenzie 65-0

By Scott Johnson
Photos by Mary Johnson

Kinston traveled to Butler County Friday night to take on the McKenzie Tigers in their first region game of the year. After losing only one graduate last season, and gaining talent from last year's undefeated JV team, many believed the Tigers would compete for the area championship this year. They may be right!

Kinston's Coach Sam Dean commented, "Kinston played hard, but McKenzie is a good team. They are very much improved."

After four hard fought quarters, McKenzie took an impressive 65-0 win.

Kinston's Garrett Moore booted the opening kickoff through the endzone, and

though Kinston forced a fourth and long near midfield, McKenzie converted and scored on a 44-yard run to take an early lead.

The Tigers caught the Bulldogs off guard with an inside kick, and quickly covered the short field to extend their lead.

The Bulldogs moved the chains once on their first possession when Erick Odom found room up the middle to reach the 43-yardline, but McKenzie picked off a Bulldog pass and scored one play later on a pass play covering 58 yards.

The Tigers stripped the football on Kinston's next possession and returned it all the way for a four-touchdown lead at the end of the first quarter.

After a Chris Cosby punt,

the Tigers covered 57 yards to extend their lead.

The Bulldogs did threaten before halftime, as Aaron Jacobs connected with Aaron Rachel for passes of 12 yards, 11 yards, and 13 yards, and Erick Odom rushed for two first downs. However, the Tigers picked a pass to end the drive, and McKenzie scored again just before the end of the half for a 44-0 lead.

After a Bulldog punt to open the half, the Tigers again took advantage of a short field to light up the scoreboard.

The football changed possession on fumbles on the next three plays, with the Tigers finally putting the ball in play at the Kinston 6-yardline. This time the Dawgs defense rallied to take over on downs.

After a Bulldog punt at the

end of the third quarter, the Tigers covered 42 yards on 3 plays to extend the lead. Early in the final quarter, John Moss rushed to move the chains twice, but the Tigers were not fooled by a fake punt and took over on downs near midfield. McKenzie scored again late in the quarter.

Strong running by John Moss gave the Kinston a first down at the Tiger 18-yardline in the final seconds, but the Dawgs were unable to find the end zone.

Kinston hosts Providence Christian next week for homecoming in another region game. A huge crowd will be on hand, and Kinston has not lost a homecoming in several years, but Coach Dean stated, "They'll be good, so we've got to be ready."



Kinston Bulldog cheerleaders kept the crowd fired up last week despite the lopsided score in the Bulldogs' 65-0 loss to the McKenzie Tigers. Kinston will celebrate homecoming Friday night when the Bulldogs host the Providence Christian Eagles. Kickoff is set for 7:00 PM with a large crowd expected to attend.

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Kinston ups volleyball winning streak to 16 matches



Kinston volleyball fans of all ages come to cheer on the Lady Bulldogs in high school volleyball action.

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs ran their winning streak to 16 games and improved their record to 16-1 last week with a sweep over 6A opponents Prattville and Enterprise.

The Lady Bulldogs opened the tri-match with a 25-21, 25-12 win over Prattville. Caitlin Tindell had 7 kills, 6 blocks and 3 aces to lead Kinston, while Jessi Johnson had 3 kills, 4 digs and 2 blocks and Kourteney Pierce had 5 kills and 5 digs. Heather Marlowe added 15 assists, 4 digs and 2 blocks; Deanna Manning added 2 blocks and 3 digs; and Christie Whigham added 7 digs.

The Lady Bulldogs completed the sweep with a 25-27, 25-16, 25-16 win over Enterprise. In the win over their cross-county rivals, the Lady Bulldogs were led by Manning with 10 kills, 6 digs and 3 blocks, while Tindell had 10 kills, 11 blocks and 4 digs. Pierce had 6 kills, 6 blocks and 6 digs; Marlowe had 11 assists, 8 digs and 4 blocks; Johnson had 8 kills, 2 aces and 4 digs; Whigham had 10 digs; and Kelsey Sladky had 4 blocks.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Pictured left to right: Kinston Mayor Bill Mullins; Senator Jimmy Holley; Terry W. Weeks, principal of Kinston Schools; Representative Terry Spicer and Heflin Smith, director of the Heflin Smith Sports Complex

Check presentation made during recent football game at Kinston

A special presentation was made recently to Kinston Schools' Principal Terry W. Weeks at the home opening football game.

Alabama House of Representative Terry Spicer and Alabama Senator Jimmy Holley presented checks totaling \$26,000 to Weeks and the Kinston High School Athletic Department. The money is to be used to help build and equip a weight facility for the boys and girls at Kinston School and to upgrade and repair the baseball and softball facilities at the Heflin Smith's Sports Complex.

The Kinston High School students, parents, faculty, administration and the entire Kinston community extended a special appreciation to Mr. Spicer and

Mr. Holley for their hard work and determination in securing this financial assistance for Kinston School.



KINSTON HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING COURT...The students at KHS are preparing for homecoming. Recently the members of the court were named by the student body and include (left to right) Sophomore Attendee, Bethany Holley; Junior Attendee, Emily Parker; 2nd Alternate, Katherine Mottelet; Homecoming Queen, Courtney Pierce; 1st Alternate, Heather Marlowe; Freshman Attendee, Marika Whitehurst. The court will be crowned during halftime of the Friday, Sept. 14, game against Providence Christian. Activities for the day include the parade at 2:15 p.m. and the Athletic Club Barbecue.

Energy CoOp sets up scholarship endowment at Auburn University

Alabama Electric Cooperative is responsible for generating the juice that keeps lights burning brightly in 380,000 homes and businesses in south and central Alabama and northwest Florida. The Co-op has established an endowment that will provide scholarships to students majoring in agriculture at Auburn University.

"We are committed to ensuring a strong economy and improving the quality of life in the communities that we serve, and the continued existence of family farms is crucial to those goals," said Horace Horn, vice president of government and economic affairs for the Andalusia-based co-op.

To be eligible for one of the scholarships, a student must live in a home that receives electric service from one of AEC's 20 distribution members. In Alabama, those members include the cities of Andalusia, Brundage, Elba and Opp, along with Baldwin EMC, Central Alabama, Clarke-Washington EMC, Coosa Valley, Covington, Dixie, Pea River, Pioneer, South Alabama, Southern Pine, Tallapoosa River and Wiregrass electric cooperatives.

Florida members include CHELCO, Escambia River, Gulf Coast and West Florida electric co-ops.

As set up at AU, the AEC endowment is called the PowerSouth Energy Cooperative Endowment for Scholarship in the College of Agriculture.

That's because, as of Jan. 1, 2008, the 66-year-old, \$1.5-billion Alabama Electric Co-op will become PowerSouth Energy.

"Operating in Florida as we do, having Alabama in the name didn't serve us well down there, especially in our efforts to recruit industry," Horn said. "The new name better represents the geographic diversity of our membership, and it will enhance our position as a leader in economic development."

To learn more about the PowerSouth and other scholarships available through the AU College of Agriculture, contact Deborah Solie, Student Services coordinator, at 334-844-8900 or dsol002@auburn.edu.

Breast Cancer Forum set for Tuesday, Oct. 2nd

The 8th Annual Coffee County Breast Cancer and Women's Health Issues Forum is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 8 a.m.-2:45 p.m. at the Enterprise City School Service Center. The forum is free, and nurses and social workers will receive free CEU credits. The Enterprise City School Service Center is located on Highway 84 next to Mitchell Nissan. The forum will cover the topics of the very latest information on breast cancer diagnosis and treatment by local and national experts, the facts about hormones and their link to cancer, common sense answers about women's health issues, a panel of experts to answer health questions, and other educational sessions. Registration is now open, but seating is limited to the first 350 to register. To register call (334) 393-8334 or (334) 894-5596 no later than Thursday, Sept. 27th.

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Prior to adjourning Monday's meeting, however, Commissioner Tom Grimsley made a motion with a second from Commissioner J.L. Weeks to give the sheriff permission to secure a helicopter for the county. The sheriff had indicated he would need this approval from commissioners before he could move forward with trying to get a helicopter through the program he has found. He also indicated the only funds that would be needed in the FY2008 budget for the helicopter would be for insurance since he did not

know when a helicopter would be ready for the county after he was given approval to get one. The motion failed due to a tie vote. Those voting in favor of giving the sheriff permission to get a helicopter were commissioners Jim Thompson, Tom Grimsley and J.L. Weeks. Voting against the motion were commissioners Linda Westbrock, Robert Stephens and Doug Dalrymple. The next regular meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, Sept. 24, at 9 a.m. in New Brockton.

Wallace Community College receives "Save Our History" grant from History Channel

Wallace Community College-Dothan has been awarded a \$9,700 "Save Our History" grant from The History Channel.

Wallace is one of 27 organizations nationwide to receive one of these community preservation grants this cycle. The grant will allow the college to partner with Dale County High School and the Dale County Historical and Genealogical Society to produce "The Forgotten Schools: An Oral History of African-American Schools in Dale County."

The video project seeks to preserve the details and history of segregated school life in rural Dale County, Ala. Although school segregation is an integral part of Alabama history, many of today's students are unaware of the history and circumstances surrounding school segregation and the long process of integration that occurred within their communities.

This project will allow students to explore and document, through first-person narrative accounts, the experiences of former students who attended seg-

regated schools and lived through this tumultuous era. The completed project will be preserved in a documentary video and published book.

This year, The History Channel awarded \$250,000 in grants of up to \$10,000 to 27 organizations across the country. In four years, 1,934 historic organizations, representing all 50 states and the District of Columbia have applied for funding through the Save Our History Grant Program.

The History Channel, with the counsel of Rockefeller

Philanthropy Advisors and American Association of State and Local History, created the Save Our History Grant Program as an extension of the Save Our History philanthropic initiative. The program is designed to inspire and motivate local students and communities to learn about and preserve the past through projects involving artifacts, oral histories, sites, museums or landmarks that exist in their own neighborhoods.

The History Channel, with the counsel of Rockefeller

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were busy transporting those suspects to the jail at the time Strickland came through the checkpoint.

Strickland also mentioned a concern over a reserve officer yelling at motorists and delivering orders. He said he did not feel a reserve should be given such authority to treat motorists in that manner. Grimes agreed and said the particular situation in which Strickland was citing had already been addressed.

Another concern Strickland brought before the council during Monday's meeting was that of 'no parking' signs being placed in front of some homes along Hwy. 84 leading into downtown New Brockton.

Town clerk Annette Williams said the signs were not placed by town officials. Instead, she said the state highway department placed the signs after the bus supervisor for the county school system expressed concern for his bus drivers not being able to see well with vehicles parked in front of the homes. She said the concern was over a safety issue.

Strickland said there are more safety issues across the town than just this particular area. Furthermore, he said he has never had a problem seeing oncoming traffic in that area.

Barbara Herron told council members the town's annual Christmas Parade is scheduled for the first Saturday in December. She said she needs help with the parade and encouraged anyone interested in helping to attend a meeting Thursday, Sept. 27, at 6 p.m. in the council chambers at the New Brockton Town Hall.

In other business, council members:

- Approved a motion to proceed with a rezoning request from the planning and zoning commission. A public hearing was held prior to Monday's meeting on this matter.
- Approved to indefinitely extend the one-cent sales and

use tax for the town.

• Tabled several items including an amendment to the town's business license schedule, approval of the FY 2008 budget and a discussion regarding use of the town hall building as a Red Cross shelter. In regards to the Red Cross shelter, Herron said an architect's report was not favorable for using the building as a shelter in its current condition.

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Elba BOE adopts FY 2008 budget

by Fern Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board met Tuesday evening, Sept. 11, in the board room. Board members waded through the usual monthly reports, adopted the annual budget and a host of other state or federally required systemwide plans.

Superintendent Danny Weeks told the members that the system would end the fiscal year with less money in the General Fund than was there at the same time last year. He explained that continuing drops in enrollment and state mandated pay raises combine to cut into the reserves.

Most state funds are tied directly to the enrollment numbers. Pay raises, given by the Legislature do not supply funds for locally funded teacher units and the law required that all teachers get the raises. The raises for the locally funded units must come from the local funds,

thus reducing the balances in these accounts.

The school system is flush with capital projects money, but by law this can't be used for anything but buildings and equipment and then only after getting written approval from the state department.

In addition to adopting the budget, board members discussed and adopted: FY 2008 Transportation Plan; FY 2008 Capital Plan; FY 2008 Alabama Reading First budget and the FY 2008 Technology Plan.

Approved High Hopes Advisory Board and ASAP planning team; Approved Alabama Student Assistance Plan and awarded Community Agency Fund to Family Services for \$8,813.00; Approved a resolution to the state Department of Education urging support for federal

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New Brockton Elementary student receives wheelchair from truck drivers

by Linda Hodge, Editor

New Brockton Elementary School student Courtney Sconyers this week became the recipient of a generous donation from a group of truck drivers employed by Wal-Mart.

The truck drivers, known as the Wal-Mart Heart Drivers, delivered a new wheelchair to the school this week for Sconyers, a fourth grade student at NBES.

As Courtney and his classmates gathered in the school's library, they were told the Wal-Mart Heart Drivers were going to "share that heart with us today."

According to Reggie McDonald, one of three truck drivers at the school on Tuesday, Sept. 18, the Wal-Mart Heart Drivers is a program started by truck drivers within the company that have a heart and want to use those hearts to help kids with needs.

Robert Sconyers, Courtney's dad, said his son has to use a wheelchair because of a short femur. The Sconyers reside in the Shiloh community between Elba and New Brockton.

McDonald said he became aware of Courtney and his problems last year when he visited New Brockton Elementary during career day.

"Courtney touched my heart when I met him last year," said McDonald. After presenting Courtney with his new wheelchair which is larger than the one Courtney was using at the time of Tuesday's presentation, the truck drivers made several other presentations.

"Courtney, you're our special guy this morning," McDonald said.

The truck drivers also presented Courtney with a certificate recognizing him as an honorary truck driver for the day.



A very special presentation was made Tuesday, Sept. 18, at New Brockton Elementary School when fourth grade student Courtney Sconyers received a new wheelchair from the Wal-Mart Heart Drivers. The wheelchair presented to Sconyers reportedly is larger than the one he was using at the time of the presentation. The new wheelchair should accommodate him through his high school years and possibly beyond. As the truck drivers revealed the new wheelchair to Courtney, he immediately moved into his new chair. The truck drivers also presented Courtney with a certificate (above) recognizing him as an honorary truck driver for the day. The Wal-Mart Heart Drivers organize and pick out various projects to help children and other people with special needs. Wal-Mart Heart Drivers present at NBES on Tuesday included Phillip Hargrove, Reggie McDonald and Lamar Edwards. Also present for the presentation was Courtney's dad, Robert Sconyers.

there's somebody cares for you."

Driver Lamar Edwards briefly spoke about the various safety issues the Wal-Mart truck drivers are dedicated to following and teaching others about.

"Remember," he said to the students, "If there's a Wal-Mart driver around,

McDonald closed the presentation by announcing the truck drivers also had brought a second wheelchair to donate to New Brockton Elementary School. He said this wheelchair is for the school's use in case it's needed for some reason.

Coffee County BOE members vote to adopt FY2008 budget

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education met last Thursday, Sept. 13, and voted to adopt the Fiscal Year 2008 budget.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram noted the financial outlook for the school system still looks good. She added that the school system is spending more money to upgrade facilities.

The total revenues for the FY2008 budget equal \$21,032,022. From that figure \$15,244,330 are state revenues, \$1,831,532 are federal revenues, \$3,931,160 are local revenues and \$25,000 are from other sources.

The total expenditures for the approved budget equal \$22,852,263. This includes \$10,724,615 for instructional services, \$2,753,486 for instructional support services, \$1,853,744 for operation and maintenance, \$2,406,228 for auxiliary services, \$740,774 for general administrative services, \$3,823,000 for capital outlay, \$412,819 for debt services and \$137,567 for other expenditures.

The beginning fund balance (Oct. 1) will be \$6,583,446 with an ending fund balance (Sept. 30) of \$4,861,972.

Upon Dr. Ingram's recommendation, board members voted unanimously to approve the FY2008 budget as presented.

Two public hearings were held prior to approval of the budget for input from the community.

Board members did note that the budget, as always, is a work in progress.

The only other action taken by board members during last Thursday's meeting involved personnel.

Dr. Ingram presented board members with a few personnel recommendations, and board members voted unanimously to approve the recommendations.

Personnel matters recommended and approved included:

• Permission to advertise for a certified teacher - PASS (Promoting Alabama Student Success) Grant.

• Accept the resignation of Kimberly Kilpatrick - CNP worker at New Brockton High School.

• Approve the employment of Dianne Sexton - CNP worker at New Brockton High School.

In regards to the PASS teacher, Dr. Ingram said the school system received a \$100,000 grant for this program.

The next regular board meeting for the Coffee County Board of Education is set for Thursday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be at the BOE office in Elba.

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Meet the Coffee County EMS Team

Thad Fleming joined the Coffee County EMS team approximately three months ago and currently services as a Paramedic.

His training includes NREMT-P, ACLS, PEPP, BLS-Instructor and ITLS.

When asked what he enjoys most about his job, Fleming said, "the constantly changing environment that tests you every day."

Fleming also said his most memorable experience on the job was when he revived three dogs that were trapped in a house fire.

His hobbies and interests include reading, outdoor activities and cooking.

Thad's family includes his wife, two children, two stepchildren and three grandchildren. He is also employed by Picher's Ambulance Service, located in Dothan.



Paramedic Thad Fleming